

ELZEAR-ALEXANDRE TASCHEREAU,

By the grace of God, and of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Quebec,

*To the faithful of the City of Quebec and environs,
Greeting and Blessing in Our Lord.*

We have heard with grief, OUR DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, that during the last weeks serious troubles have occurred in this city and environs, and that in spite of the exhortations of your pastors, and of the warnings of the civil authorities, these troubles are likely to continue to the great detriment of souls and temporal damage to our city.

Let every one remember that a man's labour is his own and that he is at liberty to sell it at whatsoever price he pleases. He has the same control over his labor that a man has over his own farm. Therefore Labour-Unions sin grievously against justice whenever they attempt to force men to join these unions or to work for the price fixed by these unions. Men who do not belong to these unions have an equal right to fix for themselves the price at which they will work. We therefore warn catholics not to be in any manner partners in any attempt to force others by violence or otherwise to enter these unions or to work at the prices fixed by these societies.

Being desirous to prevent amongst the catholics entrusted by God Almighty to our pastoral charge, as much as lies in our power, such grave and unjust attacks upon the natural rights of others, and knowing that such acts offend God and bring souls to perdition: having invoked the divine assistance and using the au-

thority vested in us by Jesus Christ for your spiritual welfare, We rule and ordain as follows :

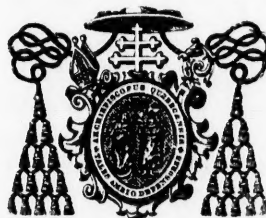
1° Any Catholic who, in the course of the present year 1880, shall attack or conspire to attack any person belonging to a labour society, or not, or any member of his family, because such person works, has worked, or is willing to work at a price which he thinks fit, shall by the very fact of such attack, or conspiracy to attack, be excommunicated.

2° The absolution from this sin and excommunication is hereby reserved to Us and Our Vicars General. We remind all guilty parties that according to the eternal principles of justice, such absolution cannot be granted unless due reparation is made for the damage caused by such attack.

3° This ordinance shall take effect throughout our whole archdiocese immediately on its reading from the pulpit at the prone of the parochial mass in the churches of this city and environs.

4° This pastoral shall be read at the prone of the parochial churches of this city and environs on the first four sundays after its reception, and subsequently on the first sunday of the months of July, August, September and October of the present year.

Given at Quebec, under our signature, the seal of the archdiocese, and the countersignature of our secretary, the fourteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighty.



E. A. Mich. of Quebec

By His Grace's command,

*C. A. Collet, ^{per}
Secretary*